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**Idaho Milk Production up 9.0 Percent**

Idaho milk production during May 2006 totaled 936 million pounds, a 9.0 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 52 million pounds from April 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average milk production per cow in May 2006 was 1,930 pounds, up 80 pounds from April 2006, and unchanged from May 2005. The average number of milk cows during May was 485,000 head, up 7,000 head from April 2006, and up 40,000 head from May 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from May 2005. April revised production, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from April 2005. The April revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 128,000 head more than May 2005, and 19,000 head more than April 2006.

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